GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3394
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TELEPHONE STD/ISD/FAX FACILITY
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Orissa connected with telephone connections alongwith the Fax and STD/ISD facilities as on March 31, 2000, district-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide said facilities in all the Gram Panchayats of the State?

Answer

Minister Of State for Communications (Shri Tapan Sikdar)

(a): 5,010 out of 5,254 gram panchayats in Orissa have been connected with telephone connections as on March 31, 2000. 2,840 out of 5,010 gram panchayats have been provided with STD/ISD/FAX facilities. District-wise details are given in the enclosed annexure.

(b): Following steps are being taken to provide telecom facilities in all the Gram Panchayats in the State: New exchanges are being opened in the rural areas; Satellite based terminals are planned for remote and isolated villages; New technology WLL systems have been planned for providing village public telephones and to meet the scattered demand. Statement In Respect of Part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.3394 for 14th August, 2000 regarding Telephone, STD/ISD/FAX Facility

ANNEXURE

Sl.No.	Name of the District	No.of Gram Panchayats having STD/ISD/FAX Facility
1	Angul	96
2	Balasore	152
3	Bhadrak	96
4	Bargarh	132
5	Bolangir	88
6	Boudh	36
7	Cuttack	140
8	Dhenkanal	116
9	Deogarh	12
10	Ganjam	296
11	Gajapati	44
12	Jaipur	128
13	Jagatsinghpur	108
14	Jharsuguda	48
15	Kalahandi	80
16	Kendrapara	76
17	Keonjhar	104
18	Khurda	156
19	Koraput	92
20	Malkangiri	16
21	Mayurbhanj	148
22	Nowapara	32
23	Nayagarh	52
24	Nowrangpur	48
25	Phulbani	92
26	Puri	92
27	Rayagada	84
28	Sambalpur	80
29	Sonepur	32
30	Sundergarh	164
	Total	2840